

Evan Koster

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Biography

If an explanation of complex financial products has ever left you feeling more confused than you were before, contact Evan Koster.

As Hogan Lovells' Global Coordinator for Derivatives and Commodities, Evan demystifies the products and their legal implications – in both English and Spanish – and represents clients in a broad spectrum of derivatives, commodities, and structured products in the United States and Latin America.

Evan's experience is both broad – including all asset classes, such as commodities, fixed income, foreign exchange, and equities – and narrow, including energy derivatives (e.g., natural gas, oil, power) and energy trading. In addition to his transactional work, he counsels clients regarding Dodd-Frank derivatives regulatory and compliance issues, and has been active in advocacy related to the Dodd-Frank rulemaking process.

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Evan was an in-house derivatives counsel at two financial institutions and an outside derivative counsel to a number of Fortune 500 companies and sovereign entities. His experience with many clients across the spectrum provides the perspective he needs to help close transactions and solve issues quickly.



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Languages

English
Portuguese
Spanish

Practices

Capital Markets

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources
Financial Institutions
Automotive and Mobility

Areas of focus

Not content with having just one area of focus, Evan also represents financial institutions, sovereigns, and corporate borrowers in Latin American debt capital markets, especially energy-related transactions, in both primary offerings and liability management exercises such as restructurings. He has represented clients in leading sovereign and quasi-sovereign debt transactions in Latin America, including the Republic of Ecuador's return to the capital markets in 2014.

Evan is frequently quoted in the *Economist*, *Financial Times*, *Bloomberg*, *Risk Magazine*, and *Latin Lawyer*, and has written on topics related to derivatives and Latin American debt capital markets transactions. He's been recognized for structured finance and derivatives, as well as project finance, in the *Legal 500*.

Representative experience

Derivatives, commodities, Latin America, Latin America debt capital markets, liability management.

Financial institutions with respect to derivative netting issues.

Insurance company in connection with its capital relief insurance of RMBS swap trading activities.

Financial institutions in connection with creating and modifying template derivative agreements.

Financial institutions and corporate end users in reviewing inventory of derivative and credit support documents in light of regulations.

Energy company in its purchase of a portfolio of energy trades from a financial institution.

A major Brazilian financial institution with respect to its Medium Term Note Program.

Latin American financial institutions in connection with tender offers of their bonds in light of Basel capital requirements.

Derivatives and Structured Products

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., The George Washington University Law School, High Honors, Order of the Coif, 1990

M.A., University of Miami, 1987

B.A., Brandeis University, 1985

Memberships

Member, Columbian and Venezuelan American Associations

Member, Latin America Practice Committee and Equity Derivatives Committee, International Swaps and Derivatives Association

Member, Structured Products Association

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

New York

Accolades

"[Evan Koster] has a great command of complex derivatives and is extremely efficient with a very complex compliance area." (...) "He

Awards and rankings

- Highly Regarded, *IFLR1000*, 2018
- Finance: Structured Finance: Derivatives and Structured Products, *Legal 500 US*, 2017-2019
- Capital Markets: Derivatives (Nationwide), *Chambers USA*, 2019
- Capital Markets: Derivatives (Nationwide), Recognised Practitioner, *Chambers USA*, 2017-2018
- Leading Lawyer in Capital Markets: Banking & Finance — U.S. and Latin America, *IFLR Financial and Corporate Rankings*, 2017
- Leading Lawyer in Capital Markets: Derivatives — U.S. and Latin America, *IFLR Financial and Corporate Rankings*, 2017
- Leading Lawyer in Energy and Infrastructure — Latin America, *IFLR Financial and Corporate Rankings*, 2015-2017
- Energy Transactions: Conventional Power, *Legal 500 US*, 2016
- Finance: Project Finance, *Legal 500 US*, 2014

Latest thinking and events

- Publications
 - Mutual recognition of EU-US OTC derivative clearing frameworks
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells helps Guatemala launch groundbreaking 30-year bond
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells Represents the Dealer Managers in Banco do Brasil's US\$750 Million Senior Unsecured Notes Offering
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Privatization initiatives to provide opportunities for foreign investment in Brazil *Finance Alert*

is a very experienced lawyer and he can clarify complex matters with a very straightforward explanation, and is very pragmatic."

Clients quoted in Chambers USA, 2019

"Headed by 'consummate professional' Evan Koster, [Hogan Lovells'] derivatives group is particularly strong in Latin America-facing work; it has been involved in the creation of a number of cross-border trading platforms for South American financial institutions and acted for a government entity of a South American country in a unique, multi-asset repo transaction."

Legal 500 US, 2018

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Developments in financial services arbitration:
Revision of the ISDA arbitration guide *International Arbitration Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Engage
 - PayThink: Merchants need a liability plan to conquer crypto payments